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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
10 a.m. (closed) Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1997/882)

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Briefing by Mr. Garry Dillon, Leader of the IAEA Action Team on Iraq

Angola

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

14th meeting
10 a.m. (closed) Conference Room 4

Further consideration of recommendations 1 (Creation of the post of Deputy Secretary-General) and 14 (Account for Development) and, time permitting, other recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [89] (A/52/21, A/52/455 and Corr.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.28

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

   (f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.30

   (h) Human resources development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

4. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/ 52/L.22 (item 98 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e))

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* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/589-S/1997/871)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205, A/C.3/52/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/587, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170, A/C.3/52/2 and A/C.3/52/4)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

   Continuation of the general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and L.43

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.42

3. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [111]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.41

5. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36

6. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/589-S/1997/871)

7. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205, A/C.3/52/6)

8. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/587, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170, A/C.3/52/2 and A/C.3/52/4)

9. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

10. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)), 143 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/339 and Add.1 and A/52/575))

3 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII)

General discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII)

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* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149] (A/52/26)

Establishment of an international criminal court [150]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.16

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property [144]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.18

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [145]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.17 and Corr. 1 and Corr.2 (Russian only)

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13

SIXIÈME COMMISSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA)
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefing will be held:

Today, 19 November 1997, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4: Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development".

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 19 November 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the United Nations reform)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.11, L.12 and L.9)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. **50th PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/110) [17 (j)].

2. Towards a culture of peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.4/Rev.1) [156].

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/313);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.20).

4. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal : report of the Secretary-General (A/52/435 and Corr.1) [28].

5. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/462);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.24).

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/52/L.15, L.18, L.21, L.22) [12].

7. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/670);

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/671);

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/672);

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/673);

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/674);

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/675);

   (g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/676).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefing will be held:

Thursday, 20 November 1997 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal presentation

The International Labour Organization Liaison Office in New York will hold a seminar on "The ILO and the Australian workplace" on Thursday, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The speaker will be Mr. Nick Ruskin, industrial relations lawyer.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 17 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 83 (A/C.1/52/INF.1)

The Committee completed the fourth and final phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs introduced document A/52/309/Add.1 (a report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament).

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.2/Rev.1.

General statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar (on document A/52/309/Add.1), Pakistan (on A/C.1/52/L.28/Rev.1 and L.48), Japan (on A/C.1/52/L.28/Rev.1), Togo, Nepal and Peru (on A/52/309/Add.1), and Oman (on A/C.1/52/L.2/Rev.1). The Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

In explanation of vote before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.2/Rev.1, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and Associated States and members of the European Economic Area), Canada, Argentina, South Africa, the Sudan and Australia.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.2/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 80 to 34, with 25 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 73 to 46, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.2/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 81 to 45, with 16 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Cuba, the United States, India, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sudan. The representative of Sri Lanka also made a statement.

In explanation of vote before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.28/Rev.1, statements were made by the representatives of India, Cuba and Mexico.

Preambular paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.28/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 141 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 142 to 3, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52./L.28/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 138 to none, with 9 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria and Nigeria.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement in which he withdrew draft decision A/C.1/52/L.51/Rev.1 concerning the rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee made a concluding statement.

Closing statements were also made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and Associated States and Members of the European Economic Area), Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States), Uzbekistan (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Belarus (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Malta (on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group).

Tuesday, 18 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

Questions relating to information [89]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Korea, Jamaica (also on behalf of the 12 members of CARICOM which are members of the United Nations (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago), Tunisia, the United States and Israel.

Organization of work

The Committee, on the suggestion of the Chairman, allocated the first two meetings for the general debate on agenda item 86 and three meetings for agenda item 87. The Committee also agreed to take action on all the draft resolutions on Wednesday afternoon, 26 November.

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Monday, 24 November, at 6 p.m., as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda item 86 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and agenda item 87 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

THIRD COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Austria, Croatia, South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Bulgaria, the Republic of Moldova, Belarus, Venezuela, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Norway and the United States.

41st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.26

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, the Niger and Tajikistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Israel joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 107.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Ghana, Algeria, Malta, Morocco, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Canada, the Syrian Arab Republic and Malaysia.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement in response to the presentation by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Cuba.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 37th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1997/223, p.9): the following text should be substituted for the text under *Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.30*:

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.30

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Albania, Angola, Argentina, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chad, the Congo, Egypt, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay and Zambia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra, Cameroon, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guinea, Iraq, Israel, Mauritania, the Niger, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, the Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan and Ukraine joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by acclamation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Note: The summary of the 31st meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/225).

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1997

311th and 312nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the third periodic report of Spain (CAT/ C/34/Add.7).

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1997

29th and 30th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic (E/1990/6/Add.7).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol of 25 March 1972 amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, done at New York on 9 August 1975

Accession: Saudi Arabia (7 November 1997)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1973

Accession: Brunei Darussalam (13 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed from 23 to 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace from 23 to 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Summit

The first Summit on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service scheduled for *today*, Wednesday, 19 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 has been postponed to February 1998.

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Forum

The second United Nations World Television Forum, "Television in the New Multimedia Environment", will take place from *today*, 19 November until 21 November 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Organized by the Department of Public Information and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Radiotelevisione Italiana (RAI) and Mediaset, it opens today at 11 a.m. with addresses by the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, and the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lamberto Dini. The Chairman of RAI, Mr. Enzo Siciliano, and the Chairman of Mediaset, Mr. Fedele Confalonieri, will also speak. The first panel, at 11.45 a.m. on the theme "Visions for the Future", will include a presentation by Mr. Dan Rather, Managing Editor, CBS News, and speeches by Mr. Rupert Murdoch, Chairman, The News Corporation, and Mr. Zwelakhe Sisulu, Group Chief Executive, South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). At 3 p.m., a second panel on the theme "The New Multimedia Environment" will be moderated by Jan Mojto, President, Association of Commercial Television (ACT) of Europe. Delegations, staff, non-governmental organizations and accredited media are invited.

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New United Nations stamps
prestige booklets and annual collections

Today, 19 November 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "The Terracotta Warriors", in commemoration the twenty-fifth Jubilee of the World Heritage Convention.

The 1997 New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders, as well as the 1997 flag series folder, will also be released *today*.

The new stamps, prestige booklets, first day covers, hand cancellations and annual collection folders can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, 19 November 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Details about the new stamps are available in information circular ST/IC/1997/72.

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Africa Industrialization Day

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Thursday, 20 November 1997, at 10 a.m.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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